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At a meeting of the Democratic Bloc held on 22 February 1954, Lothar Bolz pointed up the fact that the East Germans should emphasize in their propaganda that East Germany is extremely disappointed that the Four-Power Conference did not result in a solution of the German question, "even though proposals which could be realized were made". EDC was not liquidated at the Conference, and therefore the chief hindrance to the reunification of Germany was not removed. Bolz stated, however, that the Conference had not been completely unsuccessful, because a basis for the solution of the German question was established at the Conference. The opposition was put on the defensive; and the implementation of EDC was made more difficult 1) by the fact that the reliance upon conferences to solve world problems has been increased, 2) by the hope held out for the solution of world problems at the Geneva Conference, 3) by the fact that the Four-Power Conference destroyed the lie that the USSR is a threat to the security of Western Europe, and, most important, 4) by Molotov's alternative to EDC, namely an all-European security pact.

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